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SUBJ: PROGRESS OF SPRING PLANTING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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1. CTK PRESS RELEASE APPEARING IN APRIL 23 PRAGUE NEWSPAPERS INDICATES THAT SPRING PLANTING IS STILL LAGGING, MOST SERIOUSLY IN SUGARBEETS. RELEASE NOTES THAT PROSPECTS FOR COMPLETING PLANTING OF GRAINS, RAPE, AND POTATOES ARE GOOD, BUT CONTINUED GOOD WEATHER AND HEROIC EFFORTS WILL BE NEEDED TO PLANT REMAINING FORTY PER CENT OF SUGARBEETS BEFORE END OF APRIL.

2. STATUS OF PLANTING ON APRIL 21 AS FOLLOWS:

A. GRAINS

- (1) CZECH LANDS - 743,997 HECTARES (85.5 PER CENT)
- (2) SLOVAKIA - 274,170 HECTARES (88.4 PER CENT)
- (3) TOTAL CSSR - 1,018,167 HA (86.3 PER CENT)

B. SUGARBEET

- (1) CZECH LANDS - 87,427 HA (56.9 PER CENT)
- (2) SLOVAKIA - 43,737 HA (73.6 PER CENT)
- (3) TOTAL CSSR - 131,164 HA (61.5 PER CENT)

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C. OILSEEDS

- (1) CZECH LANDS - 42,286 HA (67.1 PER CENT)
- (2) SLOVAKIA - 18,636 HA (65.1 PER CENT)
- (3) TOTAL CSSR - 59,922 HA (66.5 PER CENT)

D. EARLY POTATOES

- (1) CZECH LANDS - 7,503 HA (79.1 PER CENT)
- (2) SLOVAKIA - 3,626 HA (95.9 PER CENT)
- (3) TOTAL CSSR - 11,129 HA (83.9 PER CENT).

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